

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By Chairman Walter McNutt, on January 29, 2007 at 3:20 P.M., in Room 472 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Walter McNutt, Chairman (R)
Rep. Ron Erickson, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Ralph Heinert, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Duane Ankney (R)
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)
Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)
Rep. Betsy Hands (D)
Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick (R)
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)
Rep. Scott Mendenhall (R)
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)
Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman (D)
Rep. Kendall Van Dyk (D)
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Krista Lee Evans, Legislative Branch
Nancy Kraft, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 262, 1/16/2007; HB 290,
1/23/2007
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 290

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:38 Rep. Bob Bergren (D), HD 33, opened the hearing on HB 290, Loan of equipment to fire agencies.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:51 Butch Weedon, Montana State University Fire Services Training School

[EXHIBIT](#)(nah19a01)

00:05:35 John Semple, Montana Fire Alliance

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:06:24 Rep. Hendrick
00:06:49 Rep. Bergren
00:07:44 Mr. Weedon
00:08:47 Rep. Pomnichowski
00:09:01 Rep. Bergren
00:09:26 Rep. Pomnichowski
00:09:44 Mr. Weedon
00:11:10 Rep. Ross
00:11:47 Mr. Weedon

Closing by Sponsor:

00:12:02 Rep. Bergren

HEARING ON HB 262

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:13:01 Rep. Mike Jopek (D), HD 4, opened the hearing on HB 262, Water rights in growth counties.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:20:45 Gordon Morris, Lewis & Clark County Commission

00:22:46 Tim Burton, Helena City Manager

[EXHIBIT](#)(nah19a02)

00:25:31 Nick Seeburg, Association of Gallatin Agricultural Irrigators

00:27:01 Jerry O'Connell

00:30:44 Walt Sales
00:33:45 Tim Davis, Montana Smart Growth Coalition
00:35:36 Stan Bradshaw, Trout Unlimited

EXHIBIT (nah19a03)

00:40:16 Rep. Mendenhall

Opponents' Testimony:

00:41:11 Glenn Oppel, Montana Association of Realtors

EXHIBIT (nah19a04)

00:48:54 Dustin Stewart, Homebuilders' Association
00:53:48 John Bloomquist, Montana Stockgrowers' Association
00:56:27 Jacqueline Lenmark, Montana Water Well Drillers'
Association (MWWDA)
01:00:27 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau
01:02:35 Terry Lindsay, MWWDA

EXHIBIT (nah19a05)

01:06:27 Chris Ahner, Northwest Montana Association of Realtors
01:07:25 Ronda Wiggers, Helena Chamber of Commerce
01:08:50 Pat Byrne, Water Well Contractor
01:14:29 John Tubbs, Department of Natural Resources and
Conservation (DNRC)
01:17:51 Pat Torgerson, Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE)

Informational Testimony:

01:18:29 Harold Blatte, Montana Association of Counties (MACO)
01:21:19 Steve Custer, Montana State University

EXHIBIT (nah19a06)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:32:57 Rep. Dickenson
01:34:03 Mr. Davis
01:34:57 Rep. Dickenson
01:35:31 Mr. Youngberg
01:36:17 Krista Evans
01:37:00 Rep. Dickenson
01:37:13 Mr. Youngberg
01:38:28 Rep. Ross
01:39:10 Rep. Jopek
01:41:33 Rep. Lambert
01:42:09 Rep. Jopek
01:44:54 Rep. Lambert
01:45:10 Mr. Byrne
01:45:45 Rep. Cohenour
01:46:52 Mr. Custer
01:55:30 Rep. Barrett
01:55:55 Rep. Jopek

01:56:31 Rep. Barrett
01:56:52 Mr. Tubbs
01:57:21 Rep. Mendenhall
01:58:02 Rep. Jopek
02:00:06 Rep. Van Dyk
02:00:46 Mr. Tubbs
02:04:35 Rep. Barrett
02:05:04 Rep. Pomnichowski
02:05:39 Mr. Custer

Closing by Sponsor:

02:08:11 Rep. Jopek

Additional Exhibits:

Document pertaining to HB 262 submitted following the hearing and completion of these minutes.

EXHIBIT(nah19a07)

Document pertaining to HB 262 submitted following the hearing and completion of these minutes.

EXHIBIT(nah19a08)

Document pertaining to HB 262 submitted following the hearing and completion of these minutes.

EXHIBIT(nah19a09)

ADJOURNMENT

02:14:44 Adjournment: 5:35 P.M.

REP. WALTER MCNUTT, Chairman

NANCY KRAFT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([nah19aad.pdf](#))